

### **REMARKS**

Applicants appreciate the consideration of the present application afforded by the Examiner. Claims 7-26 are pending. Claims 7 and 10 are independent. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

#### ***Interview Summary***

Applicants appreciate the proposed amendment to independent claims 7 and 10 proposed by the Examiner on December 14, 2006. In the interest of expedited prosecution, Applicants herein incorporate the amendment to the independent claims as proposed by the Examiner and further amend the dependent claims such that they agree with the independent claims.

A call to Examiner Hung Q. Pham on March 28, 2007, confirmed that amending the claims in such a manner would place the application in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that any outstanding rejection of the claims be withdrawn.

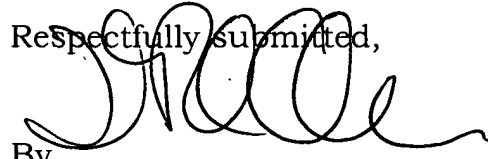
#### ***Conclusion***

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact D. Richard Anderson (Reg. No. 40,439), to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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Respectfully submitted,



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